

**Amendments to the Claims**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A mounting bracket for holding a data storage device, the data storage device comprising first and second sidewalls, said first sidewall defining a plurality of fixing holes therein, the mounting bracket comprising:

a bottom wall;

a first sidewall extending upwardly from a side of said bottom wall with a plurality of locating pins protruding inwardly therefrom corresponding to the fixing holes of the data storage device;

a second sidewall extending upwardly from an opposite side of said bottom wall for sandwiching the data storage device with the first sidewall; and

~~locking means for engaging with the second sidewall of the data storage device~~ locking means directly formed on the second sidewall of the mounting bracket to retain the data storage device in the mounting bracket.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The mounting bracket in accordance with claim 1, wherein the second sidewall of the mounting bracket ~~comprising~~ comprises a first vertical wall, a connecting wall and a second vertical wall.

Claim 3 (original): The mounting bracket in accordance with claim 2, wherein the locking means comprises a plurality of protrusions formed on the second vertical wall of the mounting bracket for pressing the data storage device toward the bottom wall.

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (currently amended): A mounting apparatus assembly, comprising:

a storage device with a plurality of fixing holes defined in a sidewall thereof; and

a mounting bracket comprising:

a bottom wall,

a first sidewall extending upwardly from a side of the bottom wall, the first sidewall comprising a plurality of locating pins directly extending inwardly therefrom and inserting into the fixing holes, and

~~fixing structures provided adjacent an opposite side of the bottom wall and locking with an opposite sidewall of the storage device.~~ a plurality of fixing tabs extending upwardly adjacent an opposite side of the bottom wall, each of the fixing tabs defining a through hole, and screws extending through the through holes to engage in the fixing holes of the data storage device.

Claim 8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (canceled)

Claim 13 (currently amended): The mounting apparatus assembly in accordance with claim 7, wherein a second sidewall extends from ~~an~~the opposite side of the bottom wall of the mounting bracket for sandwiching the data storage device with the first sidewall, and ~~a plurality of the~~ fixing tabs ~~extend~~extend ~~upwardly from the bottom wall~~ parallel to and spaced from the second sidewall of the mounting bracket.

Claim 14 (canceled)

Claim 15 (canceled)

Claim 16 (original): A mounting apparatus comprising:

a storage device defining two opposite side faces with a plurality of fixing holes in at least one of said side faces; and

a mounting bracket comprising:

a bottom wall;

opposite first and second side walls extending from two opposite side edges of the bottom wall, said storage device being seated upon the bottom wall with the two side faces respectively engaged with the corresponding side walls of the bracket; and

a plurality of locating pins extending inwardly from the first side wall and received in the corresponding fixing holes, respectively; wherein

said mounting bracket further includes a plurality of fixing structures located oppositely far away from the first side wall and fixing said

storage device relative to the bracket, wherein

at least one of said first and second side walls is outwardly deflectable relative to the bottom wall for downward loading the storage device into the bracket.